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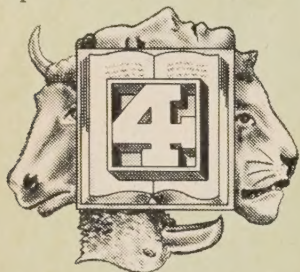
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Editor's Window

SEEDS FOR THE HARVEST

by Tim Peterson

Did you hear about the farmer who was asked to bless the food? With an earthy sense of humor and a good amount of insight he replied,

"if it wasn't blest it would'na growed!"

When it comes to basics, who better understands God's principles of life than those among us who till the fields, sow the seed and reap the harvest?

The same law that governs the growth of plant life works in other areas as well—for instance, when seeds are sown for a spiritual harvest, God is given something that He can bless. We've seen this life-giving principle at work on the mission field for decades as the Foursquare Gospel has taken root on every continent.

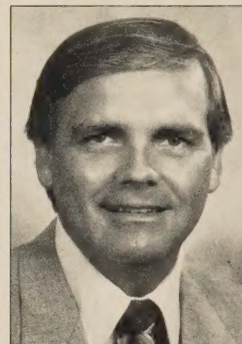
With this edition of the ADVANCE we are going to take a new look at fields that have yet to be sown in the U.S.A.. As a Foursquare family, we're being challenged to plant 2,000 churches in this nation before the year 2000. This is not an alternative call to the commitment we have to world outreach—it is in addition to it.

Soon after Dr. Hicks and the District Supervisors announced this "vision for the nation" at the 1985 Convention, something new took place: Foursquare Missions, International dedicated June's 5th Sunday offering to go entirely for the "2000 before 2000" project.* Missions Director, Leland Edwards said, "you have made Advancing Through the Eighties a reality for the world; now we want to invest in the growth of churches in this country."

It is likely that church bodies from Canada, South America and many other regions will send seeds for the harvest. This single effort has the potential of bringing healing to a nation and a sense of unity in the Foursquare movement that we've never seen before.

Regardless of our background or nationality, we have the opportunity to be part of something that God is doing. If we give our best seed, He will give His finest blessing...the harvest could supply seed for all the nations of the world.

*5th Sunday offerings that are sent to Missions, International will receive missionary-giving credit and then be forward to "2000 before 2000."



The Trumpet Call

by Roy Hicks, Sr.



Maybe you have heard the following saying:

A vision without a task is a dream;
A task without a vision is a drudgery;
A vision with a task is a delight.

This last convention saw the introduction of a vision for the progress of our national Foursquare churches. Now, so this vision becomes more than a dream, we are assigning tasks to be completed for the achievement of "2000 churches before 2000." We are looking for measurable growth of the increasing Kingdom; we hope to exceed our goal, but that is our present target.

At this point, you may well ask, "How will we accomplish this goal?" and "How can I be a part of this vision?" First, I will define the basic strategy and secondly, I will list several areas where you, individually and corporately as a church, can be involved.

STRATEGY

At our present rate of growth, each District on the average opens four new churches each year. This means at least 36 churches are added to the roster of national Foursquare churches in any given year. In 15 years, the beginning of the 21st Century, our average growth by District will add a total of 540 churches.

In the vision of "2000 before 2000," we will target

three Districts yearly out of the nine and ask them each to pioneer or begin above their average another 10 churches. The Districts will rotate so that in a period of three years each District will have been targeted. This increased activity will add 30 churches over the yearly average and in a period of 15 years, 450 churches will have been started. The average number pioneered (540) plus the number additionally emphasized (450) will give a total of 990 new Foursquare churches by the year 2,000 A.D. which added to our 1984 list of churches (1,113) will bring us to 2,103 Foursquare churches in America! We are pleased that word received in my office indicates we should reach almost 1,200 churches by late summer which is ahead of schedule for the 1985 church year.

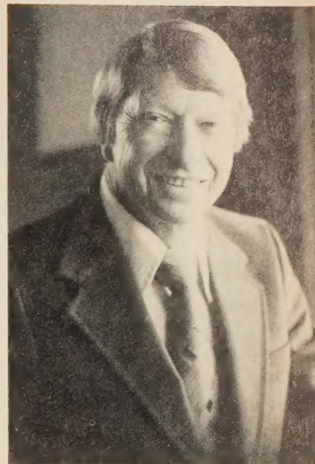
Our Districts are divided into approximately 10 divisions each with Divisional Superintendents responsible for their geographical areas. Each division is capable of sponsoring and nurturing a new church. Thus, all the divisions within a single District can add 10 new churches to their District

beyond those normally opened. Since District Supervisors cannot visit and nurture all the churches in their area within a one year period, Divisional Superintendents can help share their Supervisor's load of assisting new churches survive and prosper.

YOUR HELP

The following points list several areas where individuals and single churches can be a vital part of accomplishing the goal:

(1) Youth teams must be developed to help evangelize targeted areas and be available to new pioneer churches and their pastors. What a resource we have in our youths' enthusiasm and energy for this task! It is hoped that Youth pastors and personnel will be made available and sponsored by individual churches. Churches sponsoring teams and pastoral personnel may partner with their District Office to cover the evangelistic efforts and expenses. Your Home Missions Department desires that a youth training program will be developed through a National Youth Office to help support these teams in the area of skill development and materials for evangelism. The skills developed out of the evangelistic efforts can in turn be used in the youth



team's own hometown evangelism efforts.

(2) We are encouraging pastors, their staff and their church families to seriously consider sending out members of their staff to begin new Foursquare works and, in turn, nurture those works. Personnel sent out are not lost to but are released from the local church. They should keep close relationship with their "home" (sponsoring) church while the new church is in the first stages of growth. No beginning "baby" church is self-sufficient at first.

(3) Funds are needed beyond the regular tithe sent in by existing churches for this special effort. It is

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THE VISION FOR A NATION

by John Holland

All who have embraced the Light of the world have been made lights in the world (Philippians 2:15). We are earthen vessels containing the glory of God. But great light has been shed from a select few of his servants who have led strong movements of revival. Among them was Aimee Semple McPherson.

The words "Foursquare Gospel" were first spoken at a meeting in Oakland, California in the year 1923. A new chapter in Church history was opened as 1,000 interdenominational ministers and church leaders signed a statement that they wanted to preach the "Foursquare Gospel."

This movement of God began so very small, by the standards of world-wide religious organizations, and so very unusual because of its commitment to interdenominational evangelism. Its policy was balanced between traditionalism on the one side and fanaticism on the other. Its message was of the fullness of Jesus Christ through the ministry and truth of the Holy Spirit as a normal experience for every believer.

In those early years, the spirit of this humble, anointed servant was transmitted to the heart, the soul, the very "DNA Code" of the Foursquare family setting the pattern for growth and ministry. Today we are still

following the destiny that was promised to us in the childhood of our movement.

With our essential message—Jesus Christ the Savior, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, Great Physician, and Soon Coming King—we've grown into responsible adulthood. Now we find ourselves faced with an exceptional opportunity for the furtherance of the Gospel.

Point of Impact

Deep within the heart of the Foursquare family there has been stirring a vision. It is a vision with a new dimension of strength—it's time to embrace our destiny.

As an organization, we have accepted the challenge to take the first steps toward a massive national ministry...the Holy Spirit has placed it in our hearts to see 2,000 Foursquare churches in this nation before the year 2000.

Among the various events, meetings and exhortations that have led us to receive this as a vision from the Lord, we have heard these prophetic words:

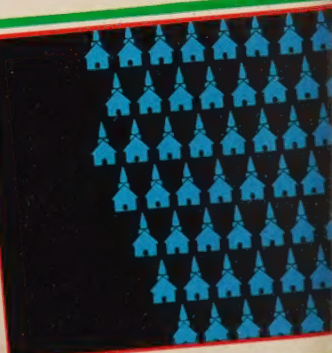
"I am calling and would send forth my church into fields that are green," says the Lord. "You will consider that these fields are not white and ready to harvest. You will question the advisability of going into these fields because they are green. They show no promise immediately of harvest. But hear the Word of the Lord and know that so quickly, upon your investment in those parcelled fields that are green, with green souls, the Son of Righteousness will come and cause that field to

turn white, ready to harvest. You will put in your sickle. You will draw in great sheaves. You will be so taken with the labor that at the time you least expect it, the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, the Lord will return in His glory, and great will be the harvest. Hesitate not to invest in the green fields." (Message given through Herman Rosenberger.)

And again...

"Take your stance! Take your footing and hear my words. Upon your tongue even now is placed a living sword, My Word. There are giants that stand before you; even giants of fear, of doubt, of bondage, of oppression, of depression, of affliction—even those things from which I would now deliver you.

"Child, speak now that word I have given you concerning the giant opposing you. Now, I say NOW, speak my Word against that adversary, and the Lord your God will confirm His Work in your presence. He will slay your adversary before you, and He shall move you forward in victory. So now, lift your





204,784 converts by the year 2000. (*Using figures from the 1983 Yearbook and including a 5% increase each year.)

Above present church and missionary demands, we would need 450 new pioneer pastors for the "2000 before 2000" vision, as well as 540 to maintain our present growth rate, bringing a total need of personnel to 990 leaders; or to put it another way, we require, above replacement and attrition rates, 66 each year. Above all present operation and missionary work, we would need \$13,000,000 in the next 15 years and \$3,000,000 in three years.

Place of Impact

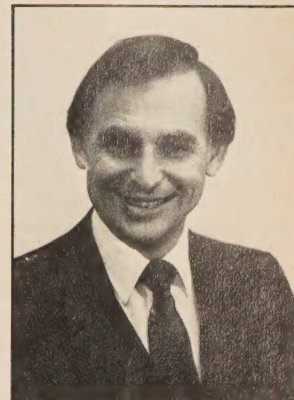
There are many cities in each of our nine districts that are in need of Foursquare congregations. We must expand dramatically to fill the vacuum. But how will the work be done and by whom?

Historically, a Foursquare church was

started at the initiation of the District Supervisor, and funded in its early stages out of the general tithe through the home missions budget.

This will, of course, continue. But in order to increase our rate of growth enough to attain our year 2000 goal, we must move into an additional phase of church planting.

50% of our 1,113* U.S. churches will be encouraged to step forward during the coming years to become involved in direct church planting. All of us in the Foursquare family will be given the challenge to become involved in creative ways of expanding the Kingdom of Christ through playing some part in the fulfillment of the vision. This is how we can reach the millions that are without the Gospel. (*Figure from the 1985 Yearbook.)



Dr. John Holland has supervised the Southwest District for the last nine years and was responsible for the "2000 before 2000" media presentation at the 1985 International Foursquare Convention.

The darkness in our world cannot stop the light of God's truth, giving life to all it shines upon, but we who hold this light in earthen vessels can choose to withhold it. We can keep it to ourselves or we can give it freely to the world.

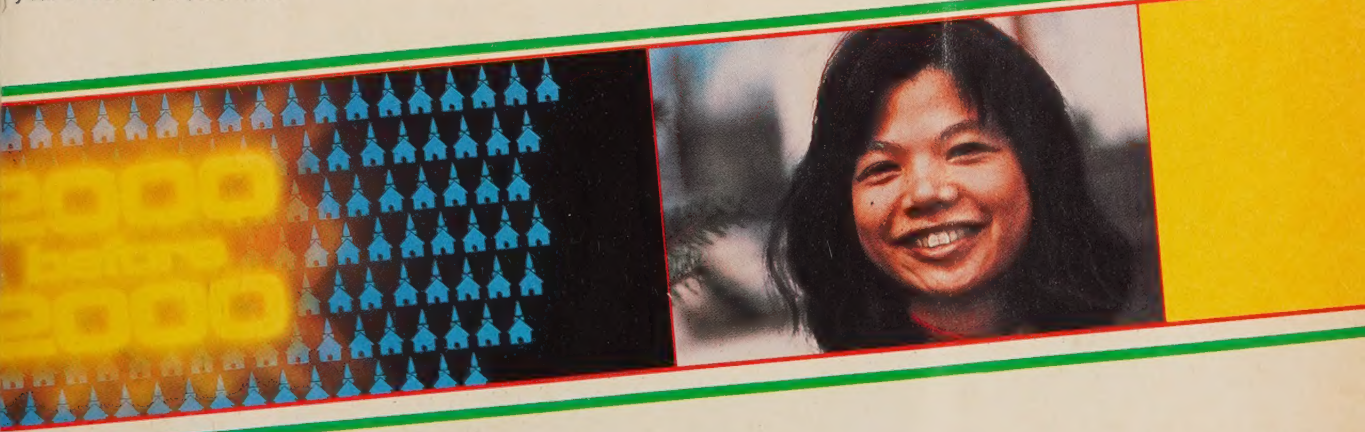
Tragically, many of the great movements of God that brought so much light to the world of their day have dimmed greatly or have been

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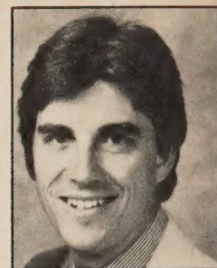
voices and speak My Word; slay the giants with the sword of your mouth, speaking My word." (Message given through Jack Hayford.)

We've been given a marvelous vision. It is breathtaking in its scope and yet by faith we believe it is attainable.

At our present rate of growth, based upon the last ten years, at the year 2000 we would have 1,653 churches. If 30 churches were added each year **above** the present growth rate, we would have 2,103 churches by the year 2000. We would have 349,248* members by the year 2000. We would have



BREAK UP OUR HALLOWED GROUND



Dr. Daniel Brown is pastor of the recently started Foursquare church in Aptos, California. He is also a member of the ADVANCE Editorial Committee.

In the currency of Kingdom enterprise within the sphere of our denomination, a new expression has been coined: "2000 before 2000." Whether this newly minted slogan comes to have widespread value or whether it ends up under glass at some spiritual pawn shop depends not on those who coined it, but upon those of us who manage the supply houses and stores on the field. Good slogans are a dime a dozen. They accomplish nothing by themselves, and unless hundreds of men and women rally to them, nothing is gained. Catchy phrases are meant to catch more than the ear; they must capture the heart and the imagination—and channel them into action.

When "2000 before 2000" was first presented to us at convention, I was confused about what, exactly, it meant. Was our goal only 2,000 churches by 2000 A.D.; how was the program going to work; what was the strategy; who would train the workers? These questions tempted me toward a spectator's criticism.

Then it struck me. "2000 before 2000" isn't some little denominational program, neatly mapped out and packaged to sell like boxed lunches to convention delegates. It is, rather, the heart of God imploring us all the more to be about the Master's business. Who cares if the slogan means exactly

2,000 churches by a specified time; or if the locations for those churches are, as yet, unknown; or if we don't yet have the names and dossiers of all church-planting prospects?

What we do have is a forward-looking vision inspired by the Spirit of God to which every one of us can—indeed, must—look for direction and inspiration.

We received a sense of the visionary scope of this undertaking when Dr. Hicks asked some very pointed questions and called for levels of engagement that struck awfully close to our homes. "Would we," he asked, "give away our assistant pastors or elders, our finances (whole church offerings for one week), and our people?" Would we go away ourselves? Our response as pastors was quite revealing. It certainly was not a unanimous, cheering, "Yes. Amen."

"Well, we were confused. We didn't know exactly what he meant or what he was asking. We needed to check with our Council. We wanted to have time to pray about it." Simply put, we were not prepared for the enormity of the vision or for how much that vision was going to cost us to embrace.

I couldn't help but smile at the point when pastors who were willing to give away their assistants were asked to come forward to talk to particular Supervisors.

I could just imagine the hapless assistants watching their futures go one way or the other. I could almost hear them fall to their knees and plead, "No, not that District, the other one..."

"2000 before 2000" is not a mail-order catalog through which we can browse comfortably and pick out what items we want. It isn't a travel brochure listing tour packages, itineraries and costs to the Holy Land or Tahiti. There is nothing comfortable or pre-packaged about it. "2000 before 2000" is an "Alert Code" signaling to every Foursquare pastor and church. D-Day is here: muster the troops; marshal the supplies; reinforce the beachheads and push inland.

We have done well in the sixty years of our denomination's history, but we have not done all. As Jack Hayford reminded us, "our heritage is not our inheritance." God has given us a wonderful and rich past, but we dare not confuse the **former things** with the **new things**. God's word to our denomination is also His word to our individual churches. All of the labor and blessing we have participated in at our present churches are **former** labors and blessings. The cadence of the marching drum signals a new step.

We are never in danger of losing the former things

because they are already done. The ever-present danger is that by trying to keep from losing the past glory, we fail to embrace the new glory. If we seek to save our own churches, finances, staff or present positions, we lose them **as well as** the new churches, increased funds, additional workers and possible responsibilities.

Giving **everything** of ourselves and our churches will insure continued and expanded blessings. Holding on to what we have will not. We tend to think only in terms of shifting portions from one place to another—we spend \$100 here or there; we either have a worker in a new church or an assistant in an existing church; we will either fill this church with people or half-fill this church and a pioneer church...

God doesn't shift portions or blessings. He

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Vision

ADVANCING
THROUGH THE
1980's
1990's
2000

The Vision Before Us

ALL THE WORLD! TO EVERY CREATURE! This is the commission God has given His Church, to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ everywhere, to everyone.

Only with God's Spirit is there wisdom to plan and strategize. And power to achieve.

A COLOSSAL TASK

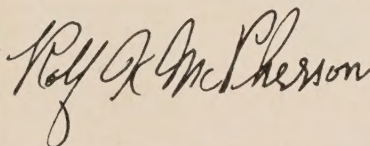
"Ours is a colossal task," exclaimed Aimee Semple McPherson. "But not an impossible one!" By 1929, six years from our origin, the Foursquare message—Jesus Christ as Savior, Healer, Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, and coming King—was being preached and churches were being birthed by a handful of missionaries in 6 countries on 4 continents. Today, we have more than 130 missionaries and key national leaders serving in more than 150 countries on 5 continents.

BY THE WHOLE CHURCH

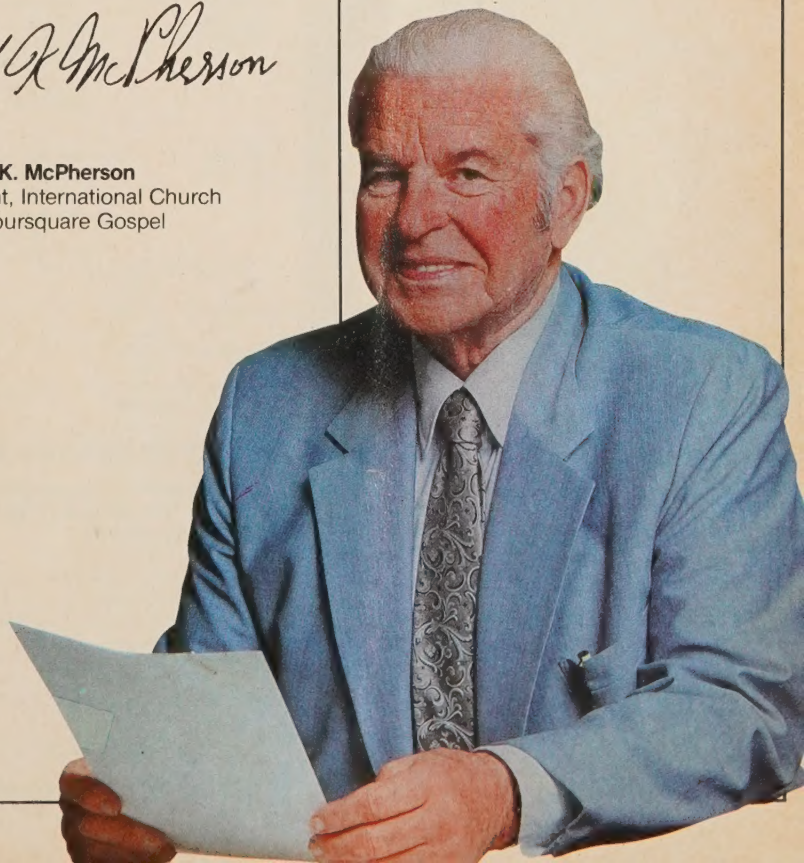
Our task is indeed colossal. But so is our commitment. Our strategies are ever broadening, our results are ever increasing, and our vision is ever expanding.

We express our heartfelt thanks to the many missionaries who have sacrificially answered God's call in the field. And to all of you "unsung heroes" throughout our homeland who have made it all possible through your unselfish and unceasing financial gifts. May God continue to lavish the treasures of His grace through you to a spiritually hungry world.

Together in God's Commission,



Dr. Rolf K. McPherson
President, International Church
of the Foursquare Gospel



OVERVIEW

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"I the Lord have called you to demonstrate My righteousness. . . . I have given you as a covenant to the people. You shall be a light to guide the nations unto me."

Isaiah 42:6 (TLB/RSV)



**VISION:
NORTH
AMERICA**

- From 50 Foursquare congregations in 1926 to 11,350 today globally
- U.S. Foursquare ministries doubled in past 10 years
- 2000 churches across U.S. by the year 2000



**VISION:
ASIA and the
SOUTH PACIFIC**

- Asia contains 60% of the world's population
- Gospel prevailing despite opposition
- "Hidden Peoples" hearing about Christ



**VISION:
MID-
AMERICA
and the
WEST INDIES**

- Local churches challenged to send missionaries
- 60,000 Foursquare believers profess Christ
- Gospel transcending cultural barriers



**VISION:
AFRICA**

- 150 Nigerian ministers reaching out across their continent
- Intensified leader training to meet explosive growth



**VISION:
SOUTH
AMERICA**

- Brazil - Foursquare's fastest growing church globally
- Gospel Spreading despite religious opposition
- People from all social strata responding to Christ



**VISION:
EUROPE**

- New fields presenting formidable challenge
- Traditional churches gradually awakening
- Personal witness key to presentation of the gospel

Strategy for a Global Vision

Our Foursquare vision is more than a happy thought, more than a wishful daydream. Jesus issued a mandate. Begin at Jerusalem, He said. Then, while the home base grows, thrust the Message beyond to the farthest reaches of the world.



TO DISTANT LANDS AND ISLANDS THEY GO!

"Sent ones", Foursquare missionaries and workers have gone out to serve on all the major continents and numerous islands of the seas. Their commitment: to multiply themselves as rapidly as possible, thus our work has already spread to 51 countries.

1460 NEW CONGREGATIONS LAST YEAR!

There are 1460 more congregations overseas to date this year than last year, Dr. Leland B. Edwards, Director, reports, a 17% increase!! *That's one new Foursquare congregation every 6 hours somewhere in the world.* This wonderful increase explains how last year we had 83,000 new members and 270,000 new converts overseas (that represents enough people to make a nice size "Foursquare" city!).

"TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!
Which means 'no time to waste.'
The day is coming when no man
shall work, and the missionary
program requires more effort,
money, and prayer NOW!"

Mr. Andy Sawchuk,
businessman,
La Habra, CA

"IT IS TIME TO SOW. The harvest
begins soon and the crescendo
will continue for years. It is time for
the Church to sow with God, with
our lives and our fortunes, with our
intercessions and our hearts."

Rev. Scott Bauer, pastor
Merced Foursquare Church,
California

"2.3 BILLION LIVE IN ASIA. A vast
majority of them practice non-
Christian religions. And yet, many
of our churches in Asia are
growing steadily and expect a
great ingathering by 1990."

Dr. Don McGregor,
Regional Representative
Foursquare Missions
Asia/South Pacific

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PRAYER SUMMARY

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“... each one had golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints ... redeemed by His blood out of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation ... and they shall reign on earth as a kingdom of priests ...” And they shall intercede for the lost.

Revelation 5:8, 9, 10

VISION: ENLARGING, EXPLODING!

Churches, rooted and established in previous years overseas, now, while growing and reaching out nationally, are partnering with us in the global task, embracing the same bright global vision. This vision spreading, leaping national boundaries and beyond, has ignited our overseas churches themselves to thrust out 27 of their own missionaries to other countries. Unitedly, the Foursquare Church around the world will press toward “HARVEST VISION: 1990”.

GREAT GROWTH EXAMPLES

HONDURAS: Mike Weilein, Foursquare missionary to Honduras, tells how in 1981 a goal for 35 new congregations was set for 1990. This would mean a total of 70 churches. Already, Mike reports *to date* (early in 1985), more than 85 new churches have been planted—a 240% increase. Their *total to date*—120, and still 5 years to go!

BRAZIL: The church in Brazil set its 1985 goal at 730 new churches. Adding the 730 new churches envisioned to the 1984 total of 2,271 means, by the end of 1985, they anticipate—3,001 established churches!

HIDDEN PEOPLE REPORT: GOING WHERE JESUS IS UNKNOWN

Graham Baker, Australian Foursquare Missionary to Papua New Guinea, has reported that national pastor Luke Franklin, recently penetrated deep into the swampy bush country in the vast Ramu Valley in the country of Papua New Guinea to a people in Isariken. He waded for hours through swamps with waters often neck-deep, carrying his backpack overhead. This exhausting 2 day trek (65 kil or 41 miles) finally brought him to these very primitive, tribal people who had never heard of Jesus Christ. After careful listening, 146 accepted Christ. Three other primitive tribal groups are being reached too: the Mas, Igavia, and Zuanzambi; 200, collectively, of these have accepted Jesus. With bush churches built, believers are excitedly growing in their new faith in Christ.

PRAY FOR:

VISION: NORTH AMERICA

- Strategic cities targeted for planting churches
- support for new district pastors and workers

VISION: ASIA and the SOUTH PACIFIC

- Spirits of false religions & deceptions to be broken
- Protection for national believers
- Preparation of 14 new missionary units
- Additional countries targeted by 1990: Thailand, North Korea, Maldive Islands, Nepal, Bangladesh, Taiwan, Manchuria, Guam, Burma

VISION: MID-AMERICA and the WEST INDIES

- Spiritual awakening with lasting discipleship
- Stability, political and economic
- Nationals to turn from communism to Christ
- Additional countries targeted by 1990: Grand Cayman, Belize, Trinidad/Tobago, Barbados, Dominican Republic

VISION: AFRICA

- 1000's of Africans to train for key leadership
- Missions personnel to help train African leaders
- Additional countries targeted by 1990: Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Ivory Coast, Uganda, Sudan, Ethiopia

VISION: SOUTH AMERICA

- Training of national pastors
- Stability, political and economic
- 10 new missionary units to be sent
- 55 Hidden People groups
- Additional countries targeted by 1990: Portugal, Aruba, Paraguay, Mozambique, Angola, Azores, Curacao, Bonaire

VISION: EUROPE

- Gospel-hardened hearts softened
- The renewed church penetrating Eastern Bloc nations
- 3 missionary units, many short-termers (1985-86)
- Additional countries targeted by 1990: West Germany, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Sweden, Austria, Switzerland, Netherlands, Italy, Finland, Portugal

Effective Powerful Prayer

Many Christians seldom or never pray simply because they don't know how.

There's really no mystery. Effective prayer is specific prayer:

STAY UP-TO-DATE

Ask God for a prayer assignment. Stay abreast of current events in your assigned country. Keep up to date in your church. Keep up to date on your church's assigned missionary and others serving overseas. Write the Foursquare Missions International headquarters for prayer guidelines. (See back cover)

SCRIPTURAL GUIDELINES FOR PRAYER

Perhaps you know how to pray but you doubt your effectiveness. Review James 5:16-18. It concludes: “The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results.” (TLB)

- “... beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.” Matt. 9:38 (NAS) God calls His people into creative and redemptive partnership with Himself. He chooses to redeem them, through our outstretched arms, through our intercessory prayers. When you pray for God to send laborers into His harvest, be willing to go if He calls you.
- “... pray ... that the Word of the Lord spread rapidly and be glorified.” II Thes. 3:1 (NAS) When you name specific missionaries in prayer, ask God to make His Word become flesh in their lives. Ask God to duplicate and multiply those lives among the nationals. And to raise up pastors and teachers who can communicate the word contagiously, life-changingly.

These are merely starters, springboards. Pray and keep praying. And God will work miracles through you.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts." Psalm 96:8 (KJV) "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give ... for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you ..."

2 Cor. 9:7,8 (NIV)



VISION COSTS FOR 1985 AND 1986

VISION: NORTH AMERICA

- 60 new pastors
- 60 worship locations, meeting places
- Total: \$750,000



VISION: ASIA and the SOUTH PACIFIC

- 14 new missionary units with logistical support, material, and facilities for Singapore, Indonesia, Taiwan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Guam—\$2.3 million
- Total including general expansion: \$3,375,600



VISION: MID- AMERICA and the WEST INDIES

- 3 new missionaries and continued support for current personnel
- Evangelism & evangelistic center buildings
- Total: \$1,450,000



VISION: AFRICA

- 3 new missionary units and continued support for current personnel; 3 new short-termers—\$300,000 a year
- Evangelism, leadership training, central building to facilitate ongoing ministry
- Total: \$870,000



VISION: SOUTH AMERICA

- 10 North American missionary units with logistical support, material, and facilities
- Evangelism, leadership training & support ministry
- Total: \$1,305,000



VISION: EUROPE

- 3 new full-term missionary units and continued support for current personnel with logistical support, material, and facilities
- 2 new short-termers; support ministry
- Evangelism and leadership training facilities
- Total: \$1,223,800



"Be touched with the urgency of the hour and the confidence that your participation makes the difference."

Rev. Roy Hicks, Jr.,
Supervisor,
Northwest District



"The cost of equipping and sending needed missionary personnel is unmistakably the responsibility of every Christian."

Dr. Paul Risser, Pastor
Florence Avenue Foursquare
Church
Santa Fe Springs, California



"We understand that Foursquare Missions enables our missionaries to be sustained on the field. This literally allows the scripture to be fulfilled which says, 'When I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge.' It happens when we give."

Rev. Marie Trimble, Pastor
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Long Term Strategy

Our vision for world evangelism must work through a long-term strategy as God's workmen press onward in His perfect timing.

LONG-TERM COMMITMENT

A long-term strategy requires a long-term commitment of people and resources. If God's work throughout the world is to thrive and crescendo, giving must keep pace. Not with impulsive occasional gifts. Not with half-hearted trickles.

But with commitment and consistency of responsibility.

LONG-TERM BLESSING

What has been envisioned over the next two years, 1985 and 1986, through Foursquare Missions International will cost including current and proposed support and expansion, no less than \$8,974,400. That means \$4.5 million for 1985 and again in 1986, or 15% per annum over 1984's total North American giving of \$3.6 million. God doesn't expect any one person to write a check for that amount. God, never-the-less, challenges all of us to systematically give. "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38 NIV)

OUR GOAL: THE WORLD

Giving must come from the Church. Every Church! God doesn't ask you to give from what you don't have. He asks you to give from what you do have. And yet, faith promise giving is giving what you believe God will supply through you for the task. God has asked us to gauge our giving of tithes on a percentage basis; could we also do likewise in missions giving? If every member of our Foursquare family gives *something*, large or small, *every month*, we will triumphantly fulfill our vision.

ACTS OF LOVE



Children from the Acts Fellowship Foursquare Church in Bellflower, California, gave a demonstration of their love when they participated in the program themed "Acts of Love" during the church's recent Missions Sunday.

The children, ranging between ages 4 and 12, sang missionary songs and presented personally handcrafted gifts to Brother Mantei, our Foursquare missionary in Mexico. Brother Mantei was chosen to be a courier and share the items with those in Mexico because

of his involvement with Acts Fellowship which actively gives to his ministry. Brother Mantei is also a personal friend of the Missionary Chairmen, Alex and Marie Rood.

Marie explained the fellowship's firm conviction regarding youth involvement in Missions when she said, "We feel children are part of learning about missionaries and giving." She added, "Children are the adults of tomorrow... they will remember this experience and it will mean something to them as adults." The young people are also taught to give and take offerings for Missions in their group, King's Kids.

The handcrafted items such as those shown in the accompanying photograph were made during Children's Church.

Congratulations to Pastor Eddie Brown, Alex and Marie Rood for such an inspiring achievement through their youth!

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estimated that at least \$15,000—\$20,000 per individual new work is required to pay for moving expenses of staff, housing costs, promotional materials and costs, facility rental and salary. Already two small churches have sent sums of \$1,000.00 and \$2,400.00 towards this effort. The latter church sent their gift as "seed faith" in expectation of God's blessing for their own building program.

(4) Above all, your prayers and intercession are needed for churches newly established and for areas of our country where great spiritual warfare is required for the necessary breakthrough. New pioneer churches and pioneering pastors will be featured in following months of the ADVANCE to update you on reasons to rejoice and areas for prayer.

I have set forth some of the work ahead of us as a movement and some areas where individual Foursquare members are needed to help. It is a great vision we have been given by our Lord with monumental tasks to be done requiring dedicated people. But be assured of this one thing... "A vision with a task is a delight!" Looking forward with delight to 2,000 Foursquare churches before the year 2000.

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extinguished.

But if we in the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel press on with King Jesus, we can be certain that the work will grow brighter and brighter until the day of His glorious appearing!

On the Foursquare Frontier

The following events are happening in the Southwest District through the vision of "2000 before 2000":

- Several churches have pledged themselves to financial gifts and to receiving offerings especially for "2000 before 2000."

- About one dozen fellowships are partnering with the District Office in starting new churches—that is, they are providing leadership, counsel, finances, furnishings and people. One church has 90 people working for a three month period of time assisting it in its new beginning; those people are ushering, doing visitation, giving tithes, while still maintaining their relationship with the parenting church. We have another church that has paid the pastor's salary for this beginning church. The District has partnered with some rental money, chairs, furnishings and the like.

- We have youth teams being organized to assist us and to do outreach, music, drama and personal witnessing.

- One of our pastors has a portable trailer equipped with sound, lights, amplifiers and a drop-down side which he can lay down to become a performing platform with a lot of attractive features. He is ready to help us in the starting of a new church with that outreach ministry.

We're having a strong flow of applicants desiring to be a part of the District work and since October, 1984, 14 new churches have been started and another 11 cities have been targeted.

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either doubles them or He removes them altogether.

As a Foursquare pastor, my choices are clear about "2000 before 2000" even if the actual logistics of that program are not. I either embrace the doubling God intends for our denomination and my church, or I spend the future 15 years trying to maintain the past.

Our denominational leaders can only ask so much of us. They are restrained by propriety and the character of past dealings in which they have always assumed the role of servant rather

than master. We should honor them for this and allow for God to ask more of us than our leaders have. God will not allow "2000 before 2000" to become a set of requirements and stipulations which we can fulfill and, thereby, assuage our conscience. "2000 before 2000" is not the prescription of a new law, it is the promise of a new grace. The season has come for planting, and what we plant will prosper.

No matter how rich and fertile our soil has been, no matter how abundant last year's crop was, all ground hallowed by the past is fallow until it is broken and planted anew. It is time, again, to plow...

In the months ahead, the ADVANCE will regularly feature the vision of "2000 before 2000." We will interview pastors who have successfully pioneered churches, discuss actual strategies and steps local churches can take to parent churches, highlight ways youth and young adults can become involved in church planting, keep you informed about seminars and resources for church planting, and relate any unusual or exciting projects underway among our churches to birth new bodies.

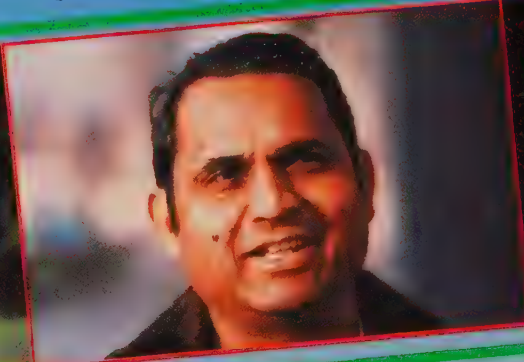
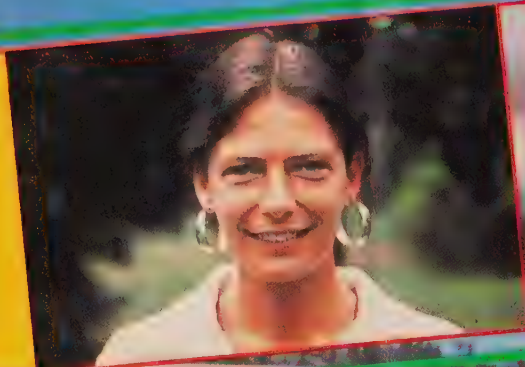
A TALE OF THREE CITIES

Three areas of the nation have been targeted for additional growth in 1985-86...the Eastern, South Central and

Southwest Districts. Here are three exciting stories about pioneering new churches in these districts. Together,

as the Foursquare family, we have the opportunity to be a part of these and

other spiritual victories in the making.



Some Plant and Water...But God Makes it Grow!

Westminster, Maryland Eastern District

Pioneering a church is similar to staking out a homestead, breaking up ground and planting seed. God gives wisdom and strength for the work—then he pours out the blessings which bring about the growth.

What kinds of people become church pioneers? John Holmes of Santa Fe Springs, California is not a typical example—but then there really are no “typical” pioneers. After graduating from Mount Vernon Bible College, John moved into the dual role of pursuing extended studies while he served in pastoral work and other ministry positions. In the process, he received his Bachelor's degree from Spring Arbor College, his Masters from the University of Akron and his Doctorate of Education from Pepperdine University.



Dr. John Holmes will become the pastor of the Westminster, Maryland Foursquare Church this summer.

About one year ago, the Holy Spirit began preparing John and Charlene Holmes for a move back into pulpit ministry...after 11 years of work in the Florence Avenue Foursquare Church as an assisting minister, principal of the church's school and, ultimately, the superintendent of Unified Christian Schools.

John told the ADVANCE that “various opportunities to pastor came to us that we felt would be acceptable, but deep inside we sensed the Spirit saying, ‘If you really want to do something exciting, then wait for what I have for you.’ We waited until Lloyd Fuss, pastor of the Frederick, Maryland Foursquare Church, talked to us about Westminster. That's when we knew our time had come.”

Westminster is in Carroll

County, Maryland. History records this location as being the beginning point of the Great Awakening under the ministry of John Wesley in the 1700's. More than two centuries later, the county has only one Pentecostal church—but that is soon to change!

As in many pioneer churches, John will be working in other capacities besides the pastorate to handle his support. Because of his notable background in education, it appears that he may be involved in liaison work with the White House and other governmental agencies on behalf of Christian schools.

The potential of this one seed in God's field is unlimited. Westminster will become the fifth Foursquare church in the state of Maryland...the firstfruits of many to come before the year 2000.

John Holmes

Transplanted and Rooted

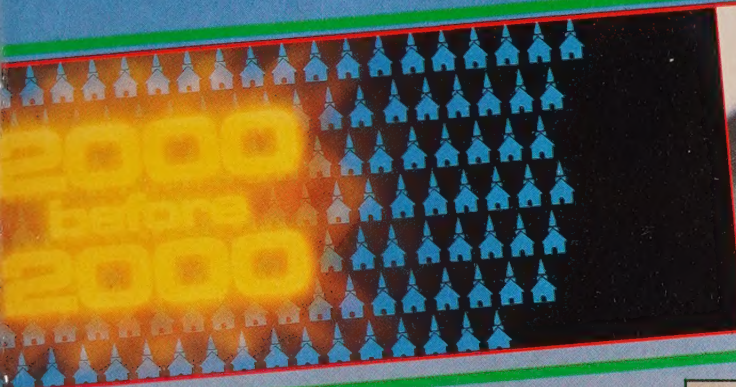
West Monroe, Louisiana South Central District

A “greenhouse mentality” comes easy when

a student flourishes in the secure environment of L.I.F.E. Bible College and the Van Nuys, California Foursquare Church On The Way. But if Art and Suzie Hobba ever had fears of becoming “root-bound,” they vanished with the call to pioneer in West Monroe, Louisiana.

It all happened when they visited Suzie's relatives in N.E. Louisiana right after graduation. Art said that he experienced a change of heart while he was there: “God moved me from an ivory tower perspective of looking down from far away to feeling the need of the townspeople...I knew then that I was to pioneer in West Monroe.”

Art was glad that some of the soil was transplanted with them to their new location. “The sustaining force has been the ties we have with the mother church in Van Nuys,” he said. “Every pastor needs a pastor for a relationship of personal accountability and responsibility—the spiritual and emotional support from the District and our home church have formed a steel



Watch for reports in future ADVANCE issues giving updates of our progress toward 2,000 churches before 2000.



Rev. Art Hobba pastors the New Life Foursquare Church in West Monroe, Louisiana.

mesh to hold us up."

The lessons of pioneering have come one right after another. Art shared several insights on the dynamics of starting new churches:

"Pioneering is a faith-building experience. Not only do you have to believe in your call to have the 'staying power' that is needed, you also need to be ready to use every gift at any time.

"There are two general groups of people with whom you work: the 'ex-churched' (those with some religious ties) and the 'unchurched' (those without religious background). In both cases, the people are openly frank about their situations.

"We are presenting a spiritual alternative to people in the South...dynamic discipleship, spiritual sanity, a viable vision for the community and an affirming environment of Jesus' love."

Presently, there are 40 believers who make up the

New Life fellowship. They recently bid on a beautiful building, but their vision already goes beyond its walls. "We believe that this will be a center for planting new churches," Art said. "Think of the fertile fields with very few Foursquare churches—three Foursquare works in Louisiana, six in Mississippi, five in Alabama, seven in Tennessee and eight in Arkansas."

The West Monroe "greenhouse" is in operation and getting ready to transplant life where it's needed.

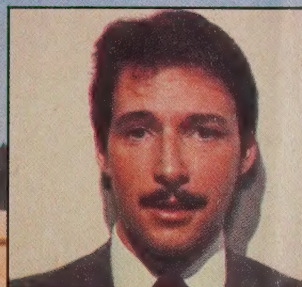
Art Hobba

Harvest Time

Flagstaff, Arizona
Southwest District

When sowing seeds, put the best kernels back into the ground and the harvest will be better each year. This statement is more than good advice to farmers—it describes a universal principle of increase that God built into creation. When it comes to planting churches, the same law works with His blessing.

As an example of church planting, let's trace one seed for three seasons of its life. Our story starts in Boulder City, Nevada with the



Rev. Dana Holman, pastor of the Flagstaff, Arizona Foursquare Church and overseer of the Williams Foursquare Church in Williams, Arizona.

Foursquare Church and Dana Holman who was one of the ministers on the staff.

Through the process that is really known only by the Lord of the harvest, Dana was selected to be invested in another field...Williams, Arizona was his destination and pastoring the Foursquare church was his assignment. The Word of the Lord which blossomed in Dana's life flourished in the church as well. Before long, there were seeds to be planted in other fields and that is where Flagstaff, Arizona comes into focus.

Flagstaff is an oasis to sun-drenched Arizonans who are looking for higher and cooler elevations. As the gateway to the Grand Canyon and the site of winter sports, it hosts thousands of travelers who come for rest and relaxation. But to the church in nearby Williams, the city was a tilled field ready to receive eternal seed.

Several people in Flagstaff were interested in

attending meetings that Dana started on Sunday evenings at The Holiday Inn...but after four months, just 10 people were involved.

In July of 1984, they decided to add a Sunday morning service and move to a shopping center—the attendance doubled in one week. On May 12, 1985 (10 months later), there were 168 at the service.

Dana was asked to give his impressions regarding pioneering in Flagstaff:

"I think that flexibility was the key, coupled with persistence. We tried one approach, then another.

"Many of those who now make up the church were 'ex-Christians' who had been hurt and were just drifting. Basically, we practiced what Jerry Cook's book said to do by loving, accepting and forgiving people...we even put a guarantee on the back of the bulletin that we would insure that kind of care to people.

"It seems like most who have responded are in the 20 to 40 year age group. There are college professors, policemen, singles, divorced people and families. We are

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Inside Our Foursquare Family

Retired C-Z Exec A Full-Time Volunteer

Early retirement does not necessarily mean more time on the golf course or leisurely trips around the world.

William Beaton, a former vice-president of Crown-Zellerbach, retired in 1979 at age 55 to become a full-time volunteer. Over the last six years, he has lent his expertise to studies, seminars and church-planting projects from his church, Kingsway Foursquare, as well as a number of other organizations.

Church-planting is not new to Kingsway, Beaton points out. The Burnaby church was one of the first in Canada, and was instrumental in the growth of the Foursquare movement across the country.

An off-shoot of the church ministry was Life Bible College, now located adjacent to the church at Kingsway and Inman.

One of Kingsway Foursquare's projects is a new church at Prince George, pastored by Wes and Gladys Wray. The work does not stop with the establishment of that church, however, because the Wrays "have a vision of Foursquare churches across the north of B.C.," says Beaton.

Daughter Churches

The Prince George church has been in existence for two years now and has a congregation of about 100. It is still growing, and on a recent Sunday there were 13 new people. The church meets at the Yellowhead Inn.

The nucleus in Prince George has already resulted in a Bible study in Quesnel, led by members of the Prince George church.

Kingsway has also been involved with a church in Maple Ridge, pastored by Doug and Becky Friesen. A team was sent out from Kingsway in December to begin the work, says Beaton, aided by financial and administrative support from the parent church.

The Maple Ridge congregation has not yet moved into a formal meeting place, but it is active in home Bible studies. By next month the church hopes to rent a building for Sunday services.

Although Beaton only joined the home missions committee last fall, he has done "all sorts of studies" for the church in the area of long-term development and financial planning. The committee's desire is to have "three churches in various phases of development," Beaton explains.

Beaton and his wife, Betty, also lead seminars for the church and Bible college. Seminar topics have included church growth, time management and decision analysis and Christian leadership training.

Third-World Project

Experience as a commercially-licensed pilot gave Beaton the opportunity to assist the Christian Pilots Association of B.C. in getting established as an organization.

Even with all his church commitments, Beaton still finds the time to lend his expertise to two other organizations,

Counselling Assistance for Small Enterprises (CASE), a branch of the Federal Business Development Bank, and Canadian Executive Services Overseas (CESO).

As a volunteer for CASE, he is one of about 300 retired executives who act as consultants to small businesses. Sometimes these businesses are in financial difficulty or want to expand, Beaton explained.

The primary objective of CESO is to assist third world countries with development projects. Although the Beatons were interested in going overseas, projects so far have been with Indian bands in Western Canada. Consulting work includes economic studies and assistance in getting projects off the ground.

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1985 Summer Tours

L.I.F.E. Bible College at Los Angeles presents two fresh ministries this July and August. A NEW BEGINNING, comprised of six singers and four musicians, will tour through five Western states and share their talents in 28 concerts. LIFESONG, a chorale of nine gifted students, will minister through song and testimony in 22 concerts making appearances in 14 states.

Be sure to keep your eyes and ears open for these concerts...don't miss this opportunity to be ministered to by some of Foursquare's finest.

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getting ready to start ministering to high schoolers since there are about 25 young people in that age bracket now attending.

"A unique factor is that Grace Chapel in Tucson—a church that fellowships with Foursquare—is sponsoring a married couple to help in the ministry at Flagstaff. This helps tremendously since I am both the pastor of the Flagstaff church and the

overseer of the Williams church.

"To sum up what has happened so far, I would say that what we have done parallels the work that Nehemiah did in reestablishing Jerusalem: We saw the need—we prayed—we were given a spiritual burden—we received a vision—we acted on our understanding of what we should do—we stuck with it in the face of opposition—we kept flexible—now we continue to look for evidence

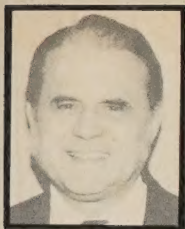
that indicates we are accomplishing the vision."

Part of the vision is to have a church of 1,200 within a 10 year period (adding 120 people a year). In the beginning, the vision must have seemed impossible...but only because the human perspective tends to be one-dimensional. In contrast, God's view focused on the effect that moving to the shopping center would have—He saw the two morning services that are now required because of

space—He knew that the local radio station would ask Dana (who had experience and made himself available) to do a daily one-hour broadcast which resulted in outreach concerts and television opportunities. Most importantly, the Father saw the people who would come with their needs, be forgiven much and have the ability to forgive others in Jesus' name.

The harvest in Flagstaff is great because their love is real.

Dana Holman



ALL THAT GOD GIVES

Israel might never have been exiled from the Promised Land if the chosen people under Joshua and subsequent Judges had fully occupied all the land God had promised to Abraham and his seed through Isaac and Jacob! The contamination by Canaanites could have been prevented by their complete removal from the territory as God had commanded.

God's land grant was unconditional. It was also conditional. Israelite apostasy could compromise its fulfillment for a time, but nothing can permanently abrogate Genesis 12:7, 13:15, 15:18, 26:3, 48:4; Exodus 32:13; Joshua 1:4 and other passages where God guarantees Israel "all these countries" (Genesis 26:3) "from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates" (Genesis 15:7) "for ever"

(Genesis 13:15) including "all Lebanon" (Joshua 13:5).

Israel is withdrawing its occupational forces from southern Lebanon as it earlier withdrew from central Lebanon and Beirut. This is the second withdrawal in a decade in which Israel surrendered territory within God's landgrant to Abraham and his Israelite descendants.

I have stood at the Wady El Arish, a dry stream reminiscent of the Los Angeles River before paving. While some opt for the Nile as the "River of Egypt," in which case Israel never occupied the whole territory God gave, most authorities identify the western boundary in the map God drew for Abraham with this wady in eastern Sinai. After the Camp David accords, the Israelis returned to Egypt all of the Sinai peninsula, thus abandoning some land God awarded Abraham's seed through Jacob. The land grant specifically disinherited Abraham's seed through Ishmael (cf. Genesis 18).

During the reigns of David and Solomon, Israel's sovereignty did extend as far as the Wady El Arish and as far east as the

Euphrates. I walked across the railroad bridge spanning the Euphrates at the site of ancient Carchemish and pondered, "When will Israel's boundaries again be congruous with God's promises to Abraham?" They must eventually because God promised the land "for ever."

Some believe the treaty between Antichrist and the Jews at the beginning of the tribulation (cf. Daniel 9:27) will include ceding the yet unoccupied territories of the landgrant to Israel. Others expect the final fulfillment to await the millenium after Jesus Christ has returned to earth with his church to set up a thousand year reign. Of course, it could come sooner. If Ezekiel 38 and 39 should precede the rapture (which I doubt), Israel could seize the destruction of Russia and her allies as opportunity to occupy all the promised territories.

But what is of greatest significance to us is the realization how disobedience on Israel's part robbed her of centuries of enjoyment of God's promises—a warning to us that "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

Viewpoint

Going to California is a shock to my nervous system, and our recent trip to convention was no exception. I am astounded by the affluence that is taken as normal by many. Living in rural Washington, I go for years and never see a bonafide limousine. In the Southland, the cars, houses, modes of dress and the sheer availability of material goods speak of money: having it and spending it—in quantity.

In contrast, I sat in several meetings and reviewed the reports of our denomination's income for the past year. I listened while the needs of missions were spelled out

if we are to expand our foreign fields. I listened the evening that the challenge was given to us as a group to reach 2,000 home churches by the year 2000. The projected growth of both home and foreign missions is exhilarating in terms of potential lives touched and changed by the gospel of Christ. The need for financially meeting those goals is equally exhilarating—how will God enable us to reach those goals, both spiritually and financially?

A recent magazine ad for a luxury car proclaimed, "It tells people exactly where you're going." The conflict between affluence and need challenged me to ask, "Where are we, as Christians, going in this material world of ours?"

First John 2:15-17 says, "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever." (NIV)

We, as Christ's chosen, need to seek an understanding of our material culture and our personal participation in it. Can we define a ceiling for our lifestyles, incomes, expenses and needs, levels that

adequately provide yet bring glory to God and His Kingdom at the same time? Once those God defined basics are provided, we can then see an increase in our budget as a means of releasing money to the Lord.

In II Corinthians 9:12, Paul is encouraging the Corinthians to "excel in this grace of giving" to the needs of the larger Body. In verses 13-15, he says, "Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, as it is written: 'He that gathered much did not have too much, and he that gathered little did not have too little.'" (NIV)

God's desire is for His gospel to be spread through the nations, that people might be freed into His salvation and His Kingdom. The true desires that fill our hearts—and consequently guide our decisions regarding all aspects of our lives—should be for righteousness and the completion of God's work on earth.

As we walk in clarity regarding this area of our lives, the budgets for both home and foreign missions will be exceeded. To the unsaved around us who watch what we do with our resources, "it will tell exactly where we're going."



Kathy Kieselhorst is the mother of four children and assists her husband in pastoring the Ellensburg, Washington Foursquare Church.



A Vision for the Nation

Two thousand Foursquare churches in the United States by the year 2000. The Lord has presented us with an exceptional opportunity and an exceptional vision. And seldom has a vision so fervently gripped our Foursquare family like this one.



Unbelievable as it may sound, many major American cities are without a Foursquare congregation. Cities like Ft. Lauderdale and Philadelphia. Milwaukee and Memphis. New Orleans and New York. No, we're not the only denomination reaching the lost



three years. In short, it takes millions to reach millions. But the figures aren't nearly as staggering as the responsibility.

Two thousand Foursquare churches in the United States by the year 2000. The time is short, the time is now. By designating

And you, with hundreds of thousands like you, can make a difference.

During the next 15 years, excluding current operating and missionary expenses, "2000 before 2000" will require \$13 million—with \$3 million during the first



but the vastness of the harvest field demands we take the vision—and run with it. These cities, perhaps, aren't as exotic as Bogota or Bangkok but the need is just as real.

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